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SUBJECT: NADER'S CHARGE FINDS ECHO IN THE PHILIPPINES

1. RALPH NADER'S CHARGE THAT U.S. COMPANIES ARE EXPORT-
ING TO THE THIRD WORLD HAZARDOUS PRODUCTS BANNED IN THE
UNITED STATES HAS FOUND AN ECHO IN MANILA. MRS. JULITA
BENEDICTO, PRESIDENT OF THE CONSUMERS FEDERATED GROUPS
OF THE PHILIPPINES (CFGP) FOR EXAMPLE, HAS MADE PUBLIC
A LIST OF BANNED ITEMS RECEIVED FROM NADER'S GROUP. ANO-
THER REPORT WAS THAT TRADE MINISTER QUIAZON HAD PHILEM-
BASSY WASHINGTON OBTAIN THE NADER LIST AND SEND IT BACK
TO MANILA.

2. ACCORDING TO THESE NEWS REPORTS, THE PHILIPPINES IM-
PORTED FROM 1971 TO 1976 A TOTAL OF 20,074 POUNDS OF
PHOSVEL, A PESTICIDE NOT REGISTERED FOR USE IN THE UNITED
STATES BUT WHICH HAS CAUSED DEATH TO NUMEROUS ANIMALS
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IN EGYPT AND "SEVERE NEUROLOGICAL DAMAGE" TO WORKERS IN
THE VELSICOL COMPANY PLANT IN TEXAS (MANUFACTURER OF
THIS PESTICIDE). PHILIPPINES REPORTEDLY ALSO IMPORTED
OVER FOUR MILLION POUNDS OF FORMULATIONS WITH 75 PER-
CENT OR MORE OF DDT FROM 1968 TO 1976.

3. SOME OF THE PRODUCTS LISTED AS BANNED BY NADER AND

PUBLICIZED IN THE PRESS ARE ALDRIN, BENZENE, CLORDANE
DDT (A METABOLITE OF DDT), DIELDRIN, HEPTACHOR, KEPONE,
MERCURY, METALDEHYDE, MIREX, LEPTOHOS, ENDRIN, PARATHION,
EPONE, ETC.

4. MEANWHILE, THE GOP FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION TOOK
EXCEPTION TO REPORTS THAT DIAL SOAP IS AMONG THE BANNED
ITEMS BEING EXPORTED TO THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES. FDA HAS
CERTIFIED DIAL AS BEING FREE FROM HEXACHLOROPHENE OR
ANY PROHIBITED INGREDIENT, WHILE ARMOUR-DIAL PHILIPPINES
ADDED THAT IT DOES NOT IMPORT THE SOAP BUT MAKES IT
LOCALLY.

5. COMMENT: EMBASSY HAS NOT YET RECEIVED ANY PRESS
INQUIRY, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE BACKGROUND INFORMATION
AND APPROPRIATE GUIDANCE FOR USE IF ASKED. MURPHY

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